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DR. K. B. MENON :—" Has the Hon. the Minister satisfied himself that the use of the electric horn will create confusion with the horn of a motor vehicle? But considering the improved machines that are placed in the market as new inventions, will not the Government consider modifying the old rule and allowing the pedal cycles to use this kind of horn? "

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" It is bound to create confusion. After all, even the pedestrians should know what vehicles are coming behind them and they should get adjusted for them. If cycles and rickshaws should use the same horn used by motor cars, lorries and other automobiles, it is bound to create confusion. That is why we have prohibited the use of electric horns by vehicles other than motor vehicles."

SRI N. MAHALINGAM :—" In spite of prohibiting the use of double horn by taxis and buses under the Motor Vehicles Act, why are the Government buses using it? "

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" A separate question may be put."

SRI V. R. NAGARAJAN :—" Are the Government aware of the peculiar system of tapping for horn purposes made use of by drivers of cycle rickshaws and whether it is permitted under the rules? "

MR. SPEAKER :—" What has that to do with the original question which relates to electric horn."

SRI S. DAIVASIGAMONEY :—" The Hon. Minister referred to the confusion which might be created by the use of electric horns. Is he aware that bulb horns are used not only in motor cars but also in motor cycles, ordinary cycles, cycle and auto-rickshaws. If so, why not the Government prohibit the use of bulb horns by other vehicles? "

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" The original question relates to the use of electric horns on pedal cycles. The supplementary question put by the hon. Member has nothing to do with it."

Village betterment committees.

* 968 *Q.*—SRI K. T. SREEDHARAN (on behalf of Sri S. S. Kolkebail) : Will the Hon. the Minister for Religious Endowments and Transport be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Government have taken any steps to start or started any clubs, to provide social amenities to rural folk and thereby educate them to divert their mind from the drink habit which they had before prohibition; and

(*b*) if so, the names of places where such amenities are given?

THE HON. SRI B. PARAMESWARAN :—" (*a*) Yes, Sir.

" (*b*) The clubs were started in all villages where there was not already a grama sangam or Village Betterment Committee."